

**TABLE 3.4: MAJOR CATEGORIES OF CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES OF CRASH  
BY CRASH TYPE, 2006**

| CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES | CRASH TYPE |      |        |      |          |      | TOTAL  |      |
|----------------------------|------------|------|--------|------|----------|------|--------|------|
|                            | FATAL      |      | INJURY |      | PROPERTY |      |        |      |
|                            | N          | %    | N      | %    | N        | %    | N      | %    |
| Operator                   | 67         | 78%  | 2,979  | 77%  | 10,638   | 76%  | 13,684 | 76%  |
| Vehicle                    | 0          | 0%   | 18     | 0%   | 59       | 0%   | 77     | 1%   |
| Road                       | 19         | 22%  | 874    | 23%  | 3,349    | 24%  | 4,242  | 24%  |
| TOTAL                      | 86         | 100% | 3,871  | 100% | 14,046   | 100% | 18,003 | 100% |

Almost eight out of ten crashes are caused by operator actions, rather than vehicle or roadway conditions.

**TABLE 3.5 CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES OF OPERATOR BY CRASH TYPE, 2006**

| CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES                  | CRASH TYPE |        |        |        |          |        |        |        |
|---|------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
|   | FATAL      |        | INJURY |        | PROPERTY |        | TOTAL  |        |
|   | N          | %      | N      | %      | N        | %      | N      | %      |
| Driving too fast for conditions             | 13         | 17.6%  | 576    | 18.4%  | 1,366    | 12.8%  | 1,955  | 14.1%  |
| Failure to keep in proper lane/off road     | 24         | 32.4%  | 538    | 17.2%  | 949      | 8.9%   | 1,511  | 10.9%  |
| Operating vehicle recklessly                | 7          | 9.5%   | 72     | 2.3%   | 109      | 1.0%   | 188    | 1.4%   |
| Visibility obstructed                       | 0          | 0.0%   | 49     | 1.6%   | 335      | 3.1%   | 384    | 2.8%   |
| Excessive speed                             | 5          | 6.8%   | 74     | 2.4%   | 100      | 0.9%   | 179    | 1.3%   |
| Following too closely                       | 0          | 0.0%   | 195    | 6.2%   | 827      | 7.7%   | 1,022  | 7.4%   |
| Improper turn                               | 1          | 1.4%   | 48     | 1.5%   | 258      | 2.4%   | 307    | 2.2%   |
| Disregarded traffic signs, signals          | 2          | 2.7%   | 55     | 1.8%   | 160      | 1.5%   | 217    | 1.6%   |
| Failure to yield                            | 4          | 5.4%   | 362    | 11.6%  | 1,291    | 12.1%  | 1,657  | 11.9%  |
| Inattention                                 | 3          | 4.1%   | 372    | 11.9%  | 2,426    | 22.7%  | 2,801  | 20.2%  |
| Wrong side or wrong way                     | 2          | 2.7%   | 18     | 0.6%   | 49       | 0.5%   | 69     | 0.5%   |
| Fell asleep                                 | 3          | 4.1%   | 84     | 2.7%   | 122      | 1.1%   | 209    | 1.5%   |
| Under influence of medication/drugs/alcohol | 5          | 6.8%   | 148    | 4.7%   | 169      | 1.6%   | 322    | 2.3%   |
| Operating defective equipment               | 1          | 1.4%   | 29     | 0.9%   | 96       | 0.9%   | 126    | 0.9%   |
| Technology related distraction              | 1          | 1.4%   | 11     | 0.4%   | 31       | 0.3%   | 43     | 0.3%   |
| Distracted                                  | 1          | 1.4%   | 61     | 2.0%   | 191      | 1.8%   | 253    | 1.8%   |
| Swerving due to wind, slippery surface, etc | 0          | 0.0%   | 83     | 2.7%   | 179      | 1.7%   | 262    | 1.9%   |
| Other/Unknown operator cause                | 2          | 2.7%   | 353    | 11.3%  | 2,033    | 19.0%  | 2,388  | 17.2%  |
| TOTAL                                       | 74         | 100.0% | 3,128  | 100.0% | 10,691   | 100.0% | 13,893 | 100.0% |